

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method of preventing the opening of a locked guard closure of a rotating component of a machine prior to the rotating component of the machine reaching zero speed consisting of the steps of providing a zero speed indicator that controls the unlocking of the guard closure and testing for zero speed indicating accuracy of the zero speed indicator and if the zero speed indicator fails the test guard closure will remain locked until the zero speed indicator is repaired or replaced.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 6 in which ~~the step of maintaining~~ the closure remains locked in response to a zero speed indicator failing the zero speed indicating accuracy test permits the machine to be restarted and ~~production continued~~ in spite of the presence of a known faulty zero speed indicator.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 6 ~~including the step of indicating that a given~~ in which the guard closure will remain ~~remains~~ locked due to a zero speed indicating accuracy test failure of the zero speed indicator while the machine continues to operate and ~~continuing to operate the machine~~.